

The 142 Express

January 2011

Lodge Officers for 2011

Worshipful Master	Tony Nelzen
Senior Warden	Mike Williamson
Junior Warden	Jack Bliss
Treasurer	Rex Graham
Secretary	Bill Hickerson
Chaplain	Cory Llamas
Senior Deacon	Bob Beardsley
Junior Deacon	Steve Morrison
Senior Steward	Lawrence Clover
Junior Steward	Guy Wright
Tiler	Myron Chaffee



Upcoming Events in 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Jan 3	Lodge Practice	Newton Lodge	7:00 PM
Jan 10	Lodge Practice	Newton Lodge	7:00 PM
	or		
Jan 12	Carry in Dinner	Newton Lodge	6:30 PM
Jan 12	Stated Meeting	Newton Lodge	7:30 PM
Jan 22	District School of Instruction	Newton Lodge	9:00 AM
Jan 24	Lodge Practice	Newton Lodge	7:00 PM
Feb 5	Lodge Sweetheart Banquet	Newton Lodge	6:00 PM
Feb 7	Lodge Practice	Newton Lodge	7:00 PM
Feb 9	Carry in Dinner	Newton Lodge	6:30 PM
Feb 9	Stated Meeting	Newton Lodge	7:30 PM
Feb 14	Lodge Practice	Newton Lodge	7:00 PM
Feb 19	25 and 50 year pin presentation	Newton Lodge	2:00 PM
Feb 28	Lodge Practice	Newton Lodge	7:00 PM

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you may give submissions to Brother Cory Llamas.

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Sweetheart Banquet

On February 5, 2011 the Newton Lodge will be hosting a sweetheart banquet at 6:00PM. Please sign the sign-up-sheet at lodge if you are planning to attend.

A Worshipful Message

Greeting Brothers,

I am looking forward to the New Year and to the activities of our Lodge. I have set some goals that will hopefully continue to build on the work of our past masters. Some will be long term goals but hopefully we can continue to build on them in the coming years.

It is my goal to make information available to more members. This can be accomplished by sending out newsletters and or reminders. We will email as many newsletters as possible and mail out copies to the rest. I am hoping to be able to make use of bulk mailing to save on mailing costs. By involving more members it will give them opportunities to get as involved as they would like in Lodge activities and the Lodge itself.

I would like to see an increased presence in the community and especially the area schools.

The next goal is to work with appendant bodies such as Eastern Star, the local Shrine Club, Scottish and York Rites to promote their programs and to combine our resources and talents to attract present members and to possibly recruit new ones.

It is also important that we work to increase the pool of those who are proficient in Ritual work.

Working together as a team can accomplish a lot. Many of you have experience in areas that will be most helpful and I am always open to suggestions.

Our stated meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. We normally have a carry in dinner prior to that at 6:30 pm. The dinners are open to friends, family and prospective members. If you know of a Brother or his widow that would like to attend but can't drive we can look into possibly arranging rides for them. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible this next year.

Fraternally,

Tony Nelzen, W:.M.: 2011

Newton Lodge Committees for 2011

Here are the committees. So that everyone can be on the same page, I listed duties for the committees. Most committees won't meet

on a regular basis but I would like to hear reports during stated meetings if the committees have information to share. Committees have the right to appoint brothers to help as needed. The Lodge Secretary has been listed as chairman of several of the committees because he will be the principle contact. I appreciate everyone's help.

Unless otherwise indicated, 1st person listed is committee chair

Advancement/Ritual: Carl Younts, John Heckman, Rex Graham, Adrian McCullough

(To advise the Lodge on proper Ritual and review those wanting their B, A, or Masters Card)

Audio/Visual Committee: Mike Williamson, John Heckman, Chris Westerman

(To report to Lodge & Finance Committee on possible equipment purchases necessary to make Masonic Education Programs available. To locate possible A/V programs for short Lodge presentations)

Fireworks: Steve Johnson, Gary Dix, Joe Soukup

(To attend any necessary meetings, sign contracts, make arrangements for the Lodge to sell fireworks and to make reports to the Lodge in reference to the fireworks sales)

Funeral: Bill Hickerson, Wally Hill, Cory Lamas, John Heckman

(To contact brothers for funerals and to help conduct Masonic funeral when possible. The Lodge Secretary will be the prime contact person)

Hospital Visitation: Cory Lamas, Guy Wright, Bill Hickerson

(To see that any known brother or widow that is in a hospital or nursing home is contacted in person or by card or phone. They can also assign this to others as they see fit.)

Masonic Home: Melvin Lutrell,

(To be the liaison between the Lodge and the Home and to offer reports during stated meetings on the Home. Others members will be assigned by the Committee Chair.)

Public Relations/Media: Bill Hickerson, Chris Westerman, Scot Gibbens, Cory Llamas

(To arrange for press releases to be available to local media and to keep track of local events that the Lodge may participate in to keep a good presence in the community.)

Unity Council: Guy Wright, Tony Nelzen

(To report to Lodge efforts by council to unify work between area Lodges and appendant bodies)

Per Grand Lodge By-Law 3-317. Standing Committees:

Finance: Adrian McCullough, Rex Graham, Tim Timmons

Charity: Tony Nelzen, Mike Williamson, Jack Bliss

Masonic Education: Guy Wright, Mike Williamson, John Heckman

(To effectuate the programs of Grand Lodge relating to Masonic Education)

Public Schools: Mike Williamson, Cory Llamas, Steve Morrison

(To assist Lodge in carrying out programs of Grand Lodge in support of public schools)

Membership: Jack Bliss, Bob Beardsley, Steve Morrison (To discuss membership problems peculiar to Lodge)

Masonic Foundation: Clifford Knauss, Bill Hickerson, Melvin Lutrell

(To coordinate the work of the Masonic Foundation with the Lodge and to report information to Lodge at stated meetings.)

From the Chaplain's Desk:

By Cory Llamas

Charity is one of the most well known facets of Freemasonry in the world today. While many would define charity as the giving of some item without the expectation of payment in return, we realize that nothing is ever truly free. If we offer money, food, or other assistance to an individual we would expect that person to wisely utilize or invest these items in order to best improve their situation. As such, charity, then becomes an issue of faith instead of merely the action of giving something to someone. Every time we donate something to a charity we have faith that our donation will help the persons or person in whom it was intended. Because of the role of faith in charitable donations, it is important to understand what the Bible has to say about faith.

What good is it my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill." and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2:14-17

With regards to charitable activities the faith/works teaching finds another venue. If, we engage in a charitable activity like painting a local youth center (works), and we lack the proper attitude of service (faith), then we will have people participating out of a spirit of mere obligation instead of an attitude of desire to help our local youth. On the other hand, if we have the desire to help our local youth (faith), but never take the physical steps to materialize this desire into helpful activities (works), then all we will have is a well intended desire without the benefit of action behind it.

From this lesson the following formula is devised: Faith + Works = Life

Faith, works, and life are so interconnected that if we are missing one of these elements we will begin to fall into disillusionment. The more life we bring to the Lodge the more our faith is reinforced, and the more our faith is reinforced the more willing we will be to conduct charitable works, and the more charitable works we perform the more life we will bring to the Lodge. If we truly want our lodge to prosper, then we must recognize the relationships between Faith, Works, and Life and use this process for the betterment of all.